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I strongly oppose HR 4026! This bill is merely an effort of local radio stations to not let satellite radio compete fairly, and openly in the marketplace. The only reason for this, is that they are afraid of losing their listeners, and consequently their sponsors and advertisers. Maybe they should try looking at the problem. Don't you think there is a pretty good reason that Americans would rather spend their hard earned money and PAY for radio, when for all this time they have been getting it for free? The local stations should be doing more to talk to the FCC about the current state of censorship on the FM stations, than trying to fight the satellite radio services. I love the fact that I can be listening to a commercial free station on my XM radio, and when I feel the need, switch to the local weather or traffic, and get and get the information that I need in a matter of moments. When listening to FM radio, I could be half way to work by the time I actually hear the weather forecast, or the traffic report. I also think that the quality of the XM traffic and weather report is better than what I get on the local FM stations. I think as an American, I deserve the freedom to be able to choose the method that I get my local information. Please, PLEASE reject NAB's petition 04-160.